

TEST Friday

- Graphing
- Kinematics
 - "Simple" equation
 - Kinematics equations
- Format
 - Conceptual MC
 - Graphs
 - Problems

Free-fall

- Falling with just gravity
- In the y -direction
- Acceleration is acceleration due to gravity

$$a_g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ down}$$

- Kinematics equations:

$$\Delta y = v_{iy} t + \frac{1}{2} a_g t^2$$

$$v_{fy} = v_{iy} + a_g t$$

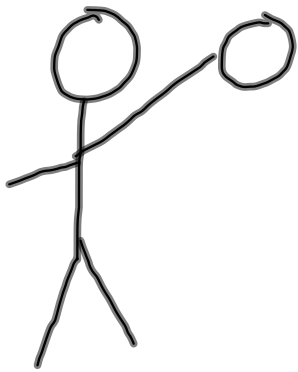
$$v_{fy}^2 = v_{iy}^2 + 2 a_g \Delta y$$

Free-fall Notes and Practice Problems 2.1.12 Honors Physics

Jason drops a volleyball from 2.0 m above the floor. How long will it take before the ball hits the ground?

→ implies $v_{iy} = 0 \text{ m/s}$

↑ +



2 m
0 m

$$a_g = -9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\Delta y = -2 \text{ m}$$

$$t = ?$$

$$\Delta y = \cancel{v_{iy}} t + \frac{1}{2} a_g t^2$$

$$t = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2\Delta y}{a_g}}$$

ignore negative
answer b/c time
is never negative

$$= \sqrt{\frac{2(-2 \text{ m})}{-9.8 \text{ m/s}^2}}$$

$$= 0.64 \text{ s}$$

always need to
have a positive
under the radical

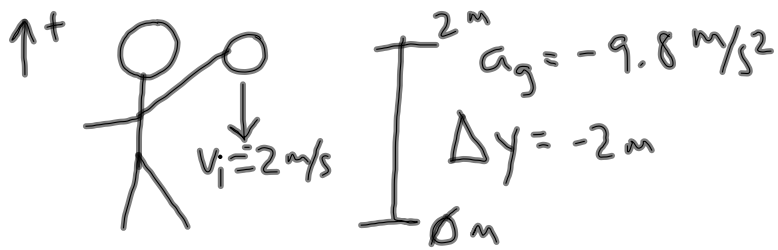
→ no imaginary times

Free-fall Notes and Practice Problems 2.1.12 Honors Physics

Jason now throws the ball downwards at 2 m/s, again from 2 m.

a) Find the velocity of the volleyball just before it hits the ground.

b) Find the time it took for the ball to travel the 2 m.



$$a) \quad v_{fy}^2 = v_{iy}^2 + 2a_g \Delta y$$

$$v_{fy} = \pm \sqrt{v_{iy}^2 + 2a_g \Delta y}$$

$$= \pm \sqrt{(-2 \text{ m/s})^2 + 2(-9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)(-2 \text{ m})}$$

$$= -6.57 \text{ m/s}$$

choose negative because ball is moving downwards

$$b) \quad v_{fy} = v_{iy} + a_g t$$

$$t = \frac{v_{fy} - v_{iy}}{a_g}$$

$$= \frac{-6.57 \text{ m/s} - (-2 \text{ m/s})}{-9.8 \text{ m/s}^2}$$

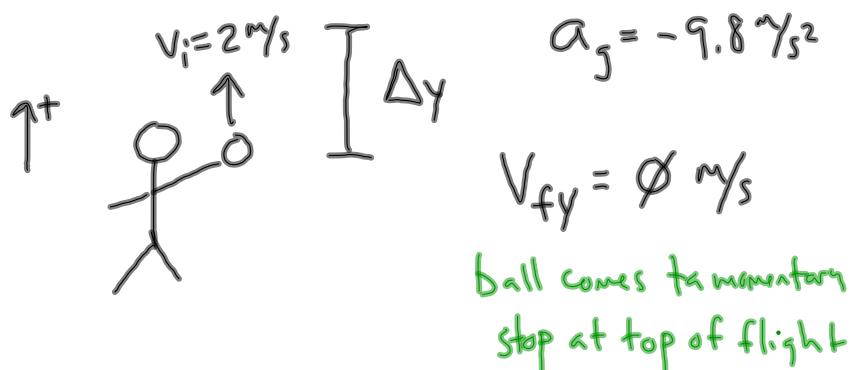
$$= 0.467 \text{ s}$$

Free-fall Notes and Practice Problems 2.1.12 Honors Physics

Jason now throws the volleyball upwards at 2 m/s from an initial height of 2 m.

a) How high does the volleyball travel?

b) How long does it take for the volleyball to reach its highest point?



a)

$$v_{fy}^2 = v_{iy}^2 + 2a_g \Delta y$$
$$\Delta y = \frac{-v_{iy}^2}{2a_g}$$
$$= \frac{-(2 \text{ m/s})^2}{2(-9.8 \text{ m/s}^2)}$$
$$= 0.204 \text{ m}$$

b)

$$v_{fy} = v_{iy} + a_g t$$
$$t = \frac{v_{fy} - v_{iy}}{a_g}$$
$$= \frac{-2 \text{ m/s}}{-9.8 \text{ m/s}^2}$$
$$= 0.204 \text{ s}$$

Jason again throws the volleyball upwards at 2 m/s from 2 m. What is the total time that it takes for the ball to hit the ground?

Two ways to calculate:

1. One step with quadratic eqn.

2. Two steps: Calculate time to reach highest point, then time from highest point to the ground